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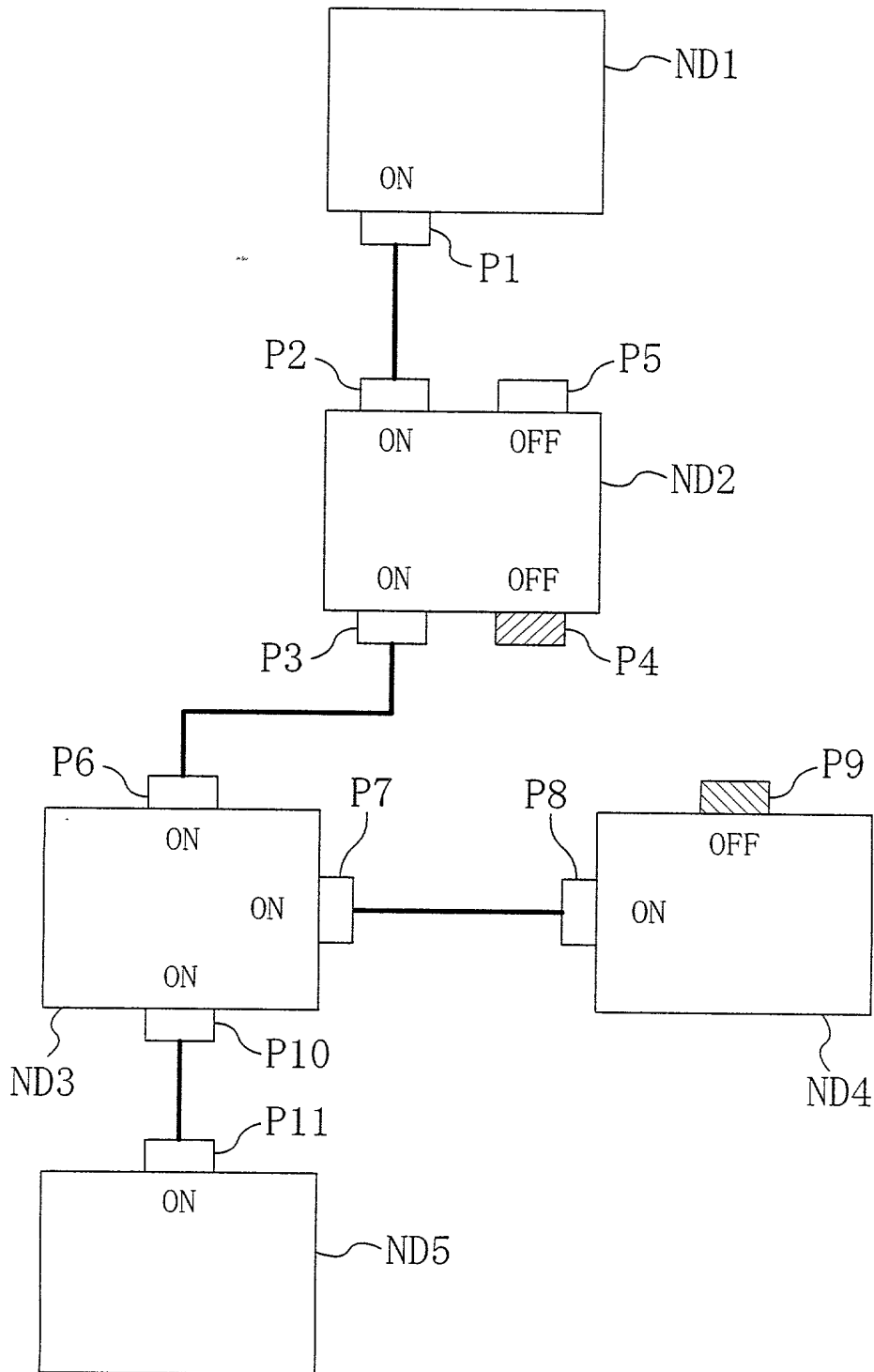


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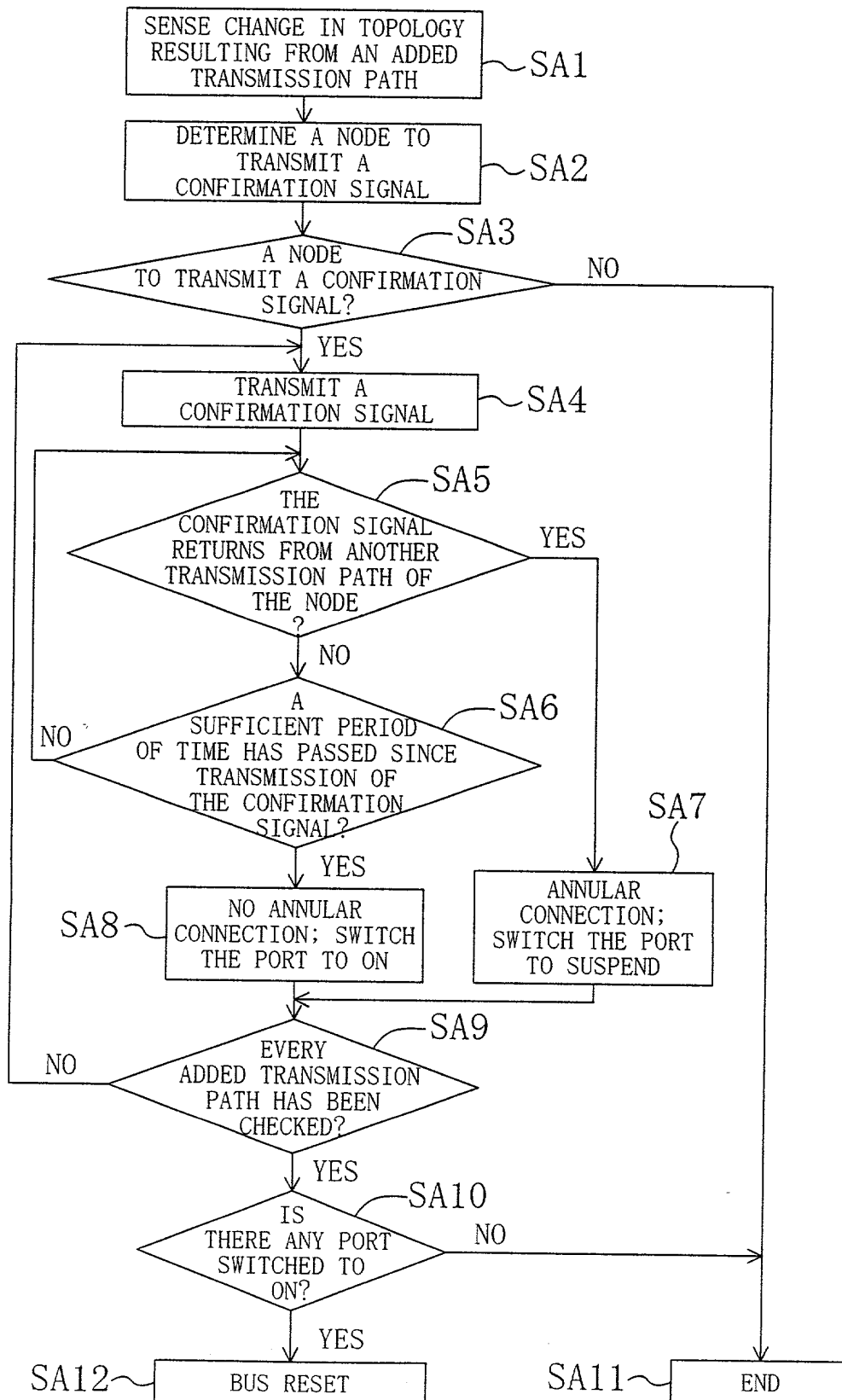


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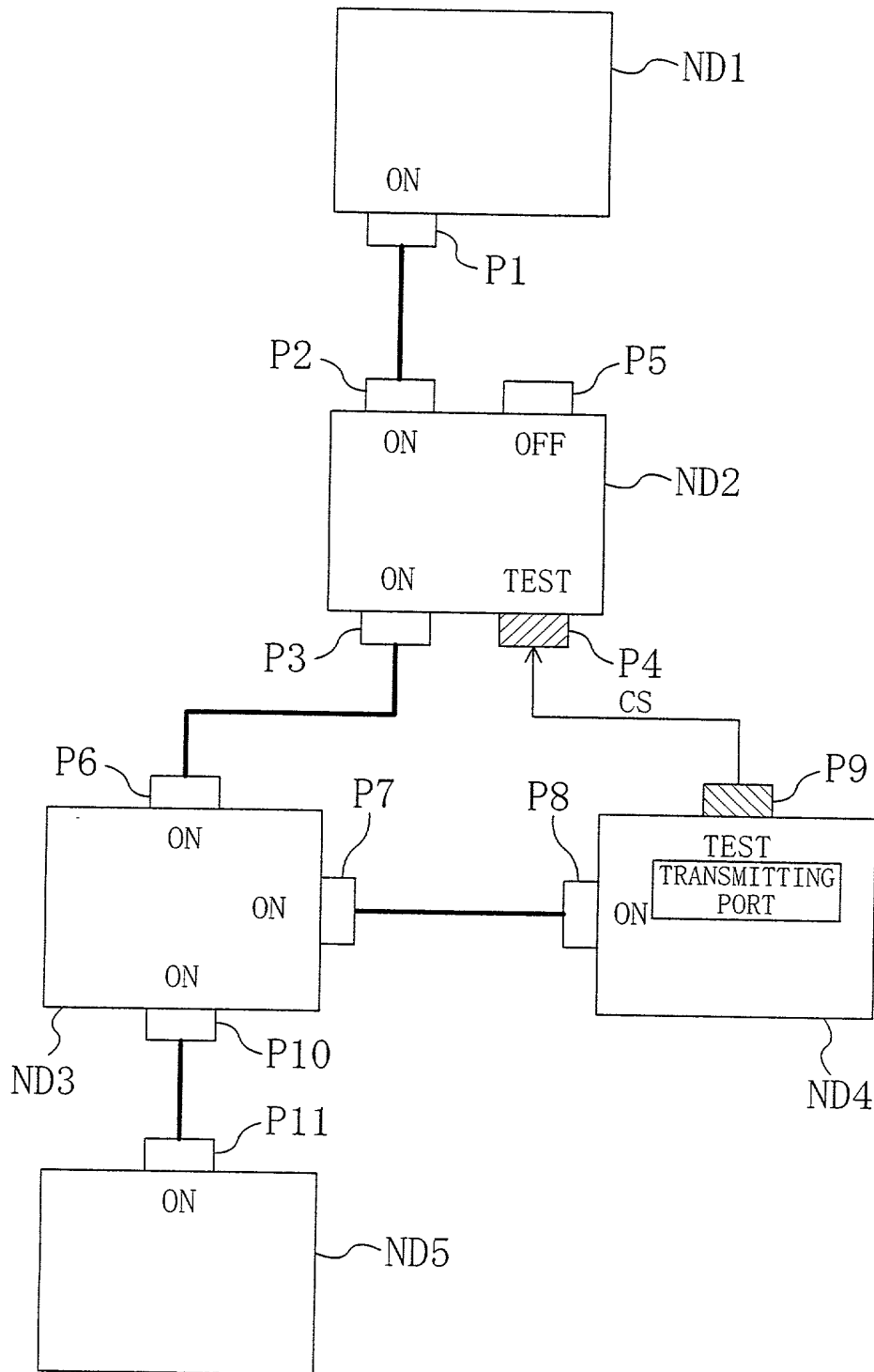


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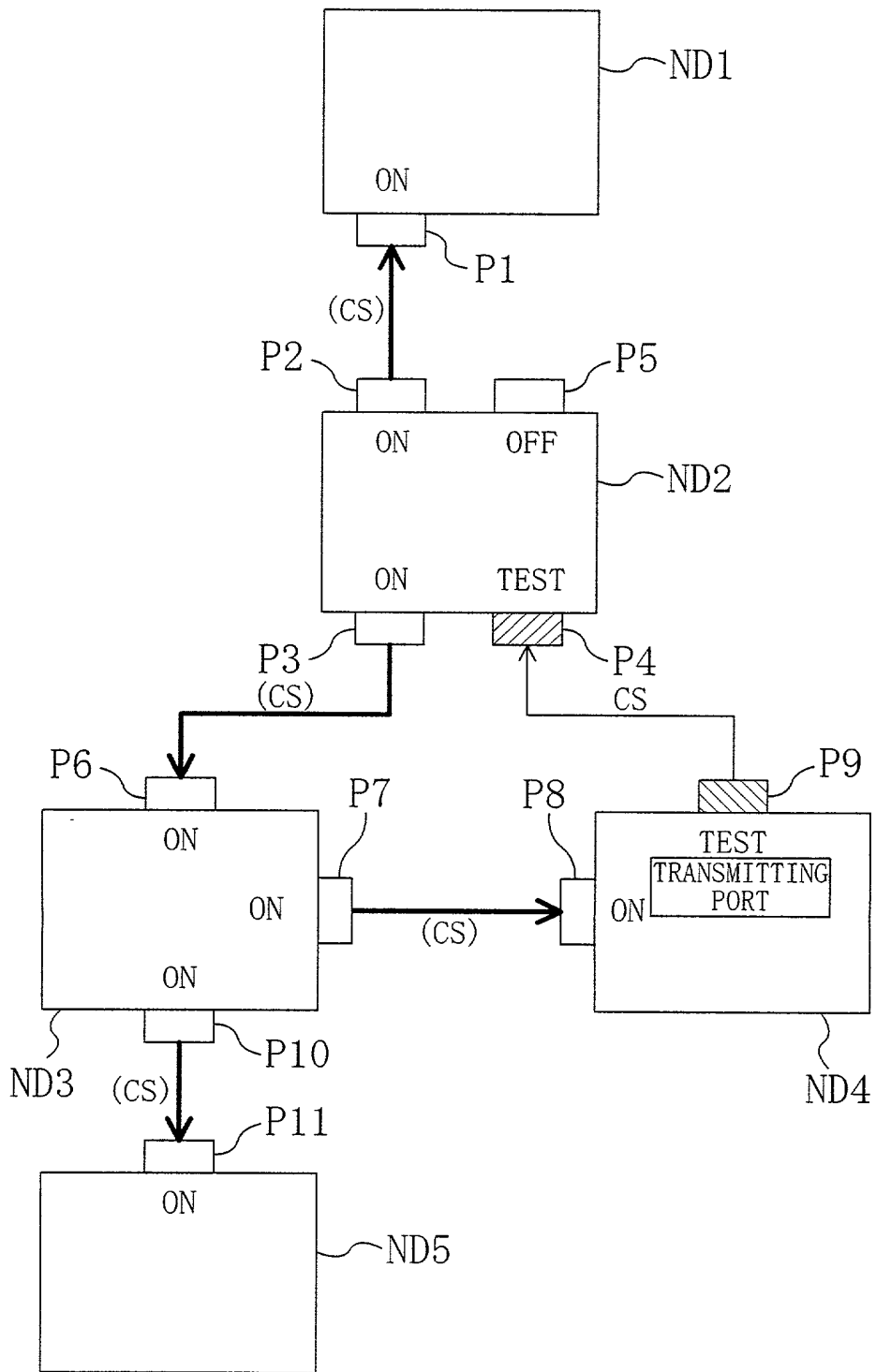


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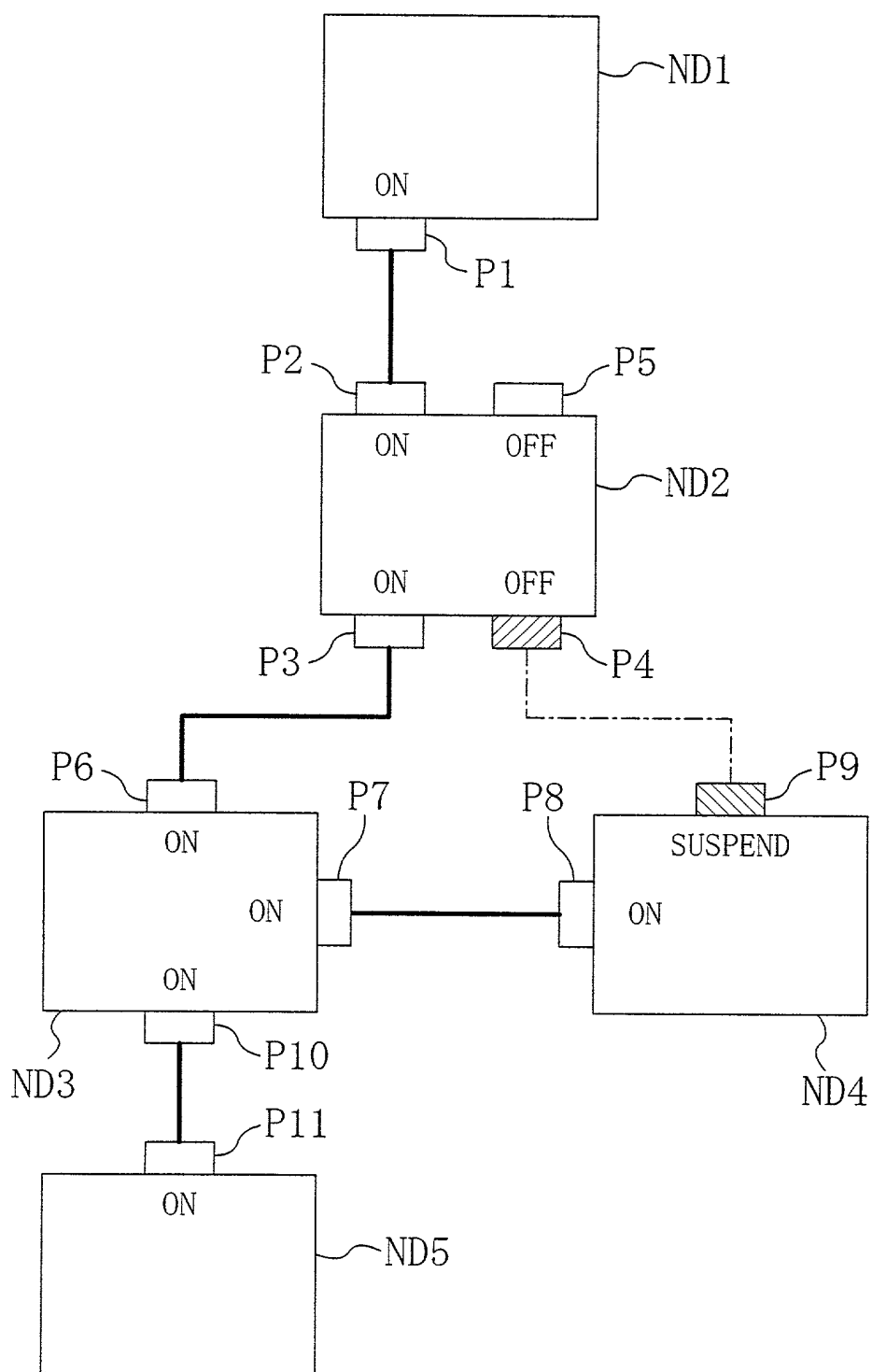


FIG. 6A

[A SMALL NUMBER OF COMMUNICATION NODES]

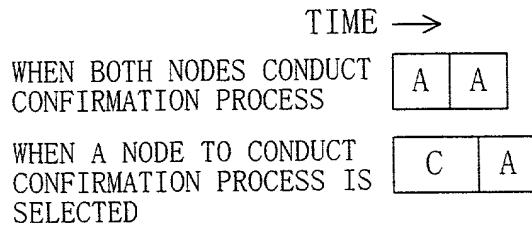
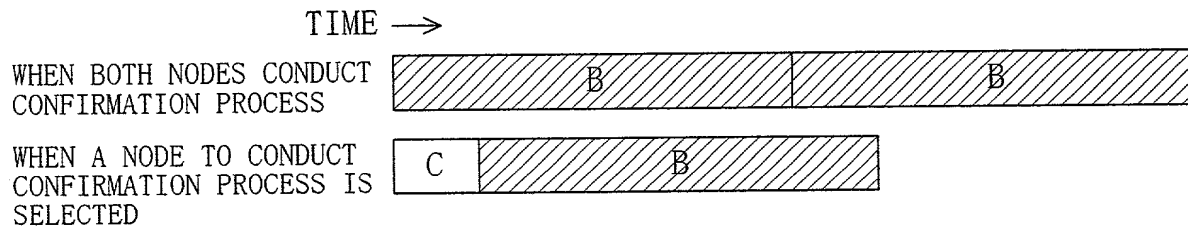


FIG. 6B

[A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNICATION NODES]



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 CONFIRMATION PROCESS IN THE CASE WHERE THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER OF COMMUNICATION NODES
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| B |
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 CONFIRMATION PROCESS IN THE CASE WHERE THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNICATION NODES
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 PROCESS OF DETERMINING A COMMUNICATION NODE TO CONDUCT CONFIRMATION PROCESS

FIG. 7

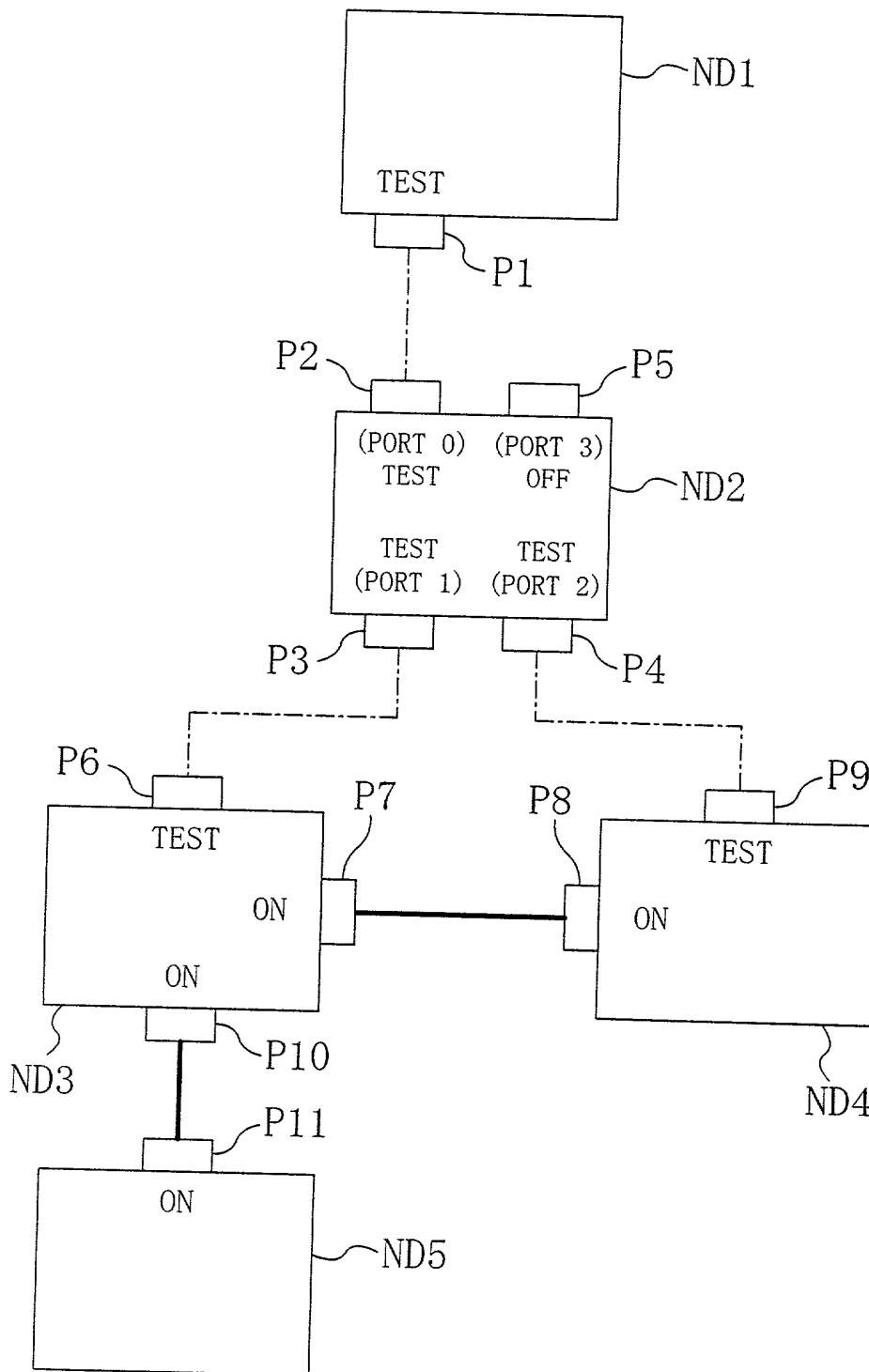
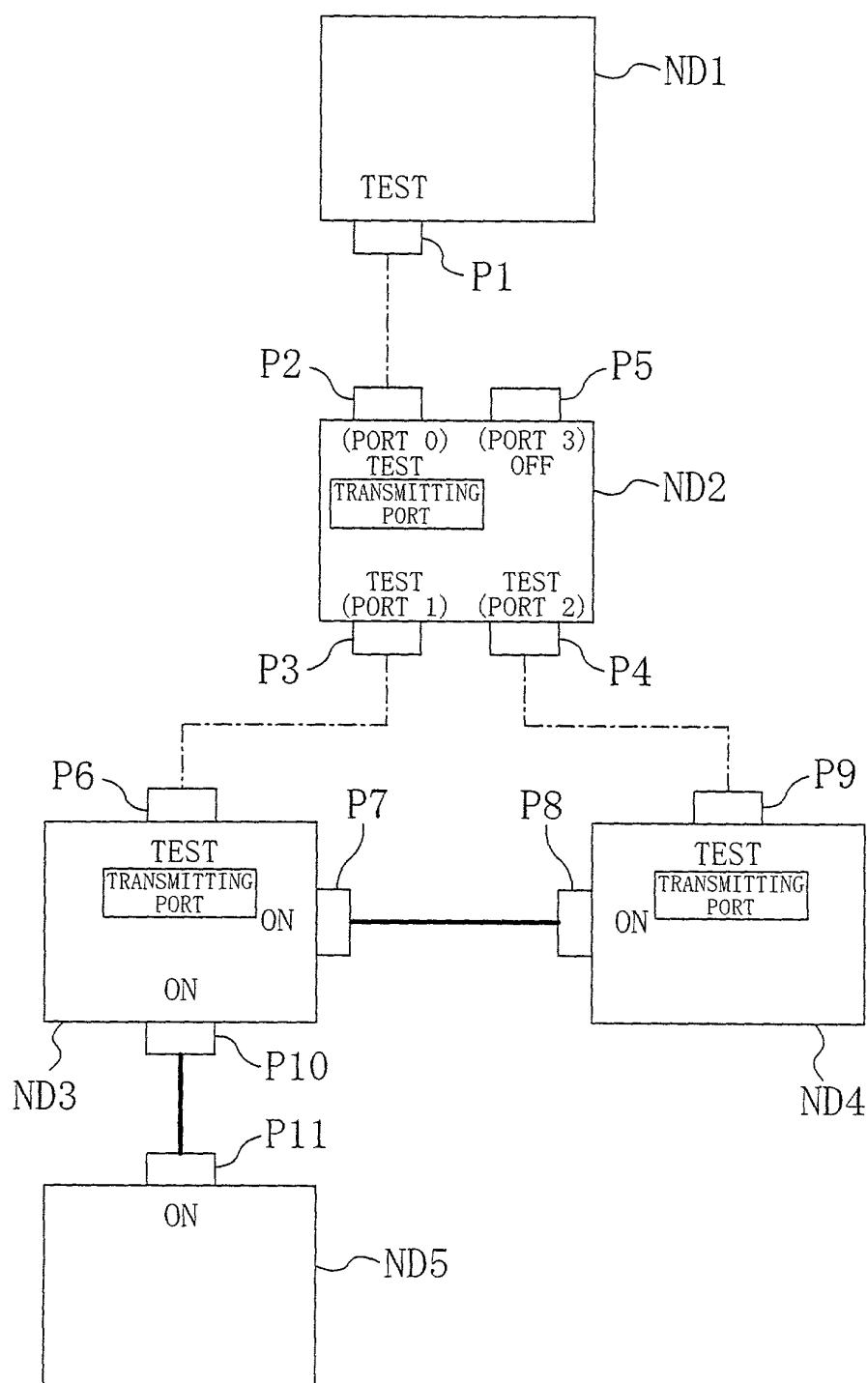


FIG. 8



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FIG. 9

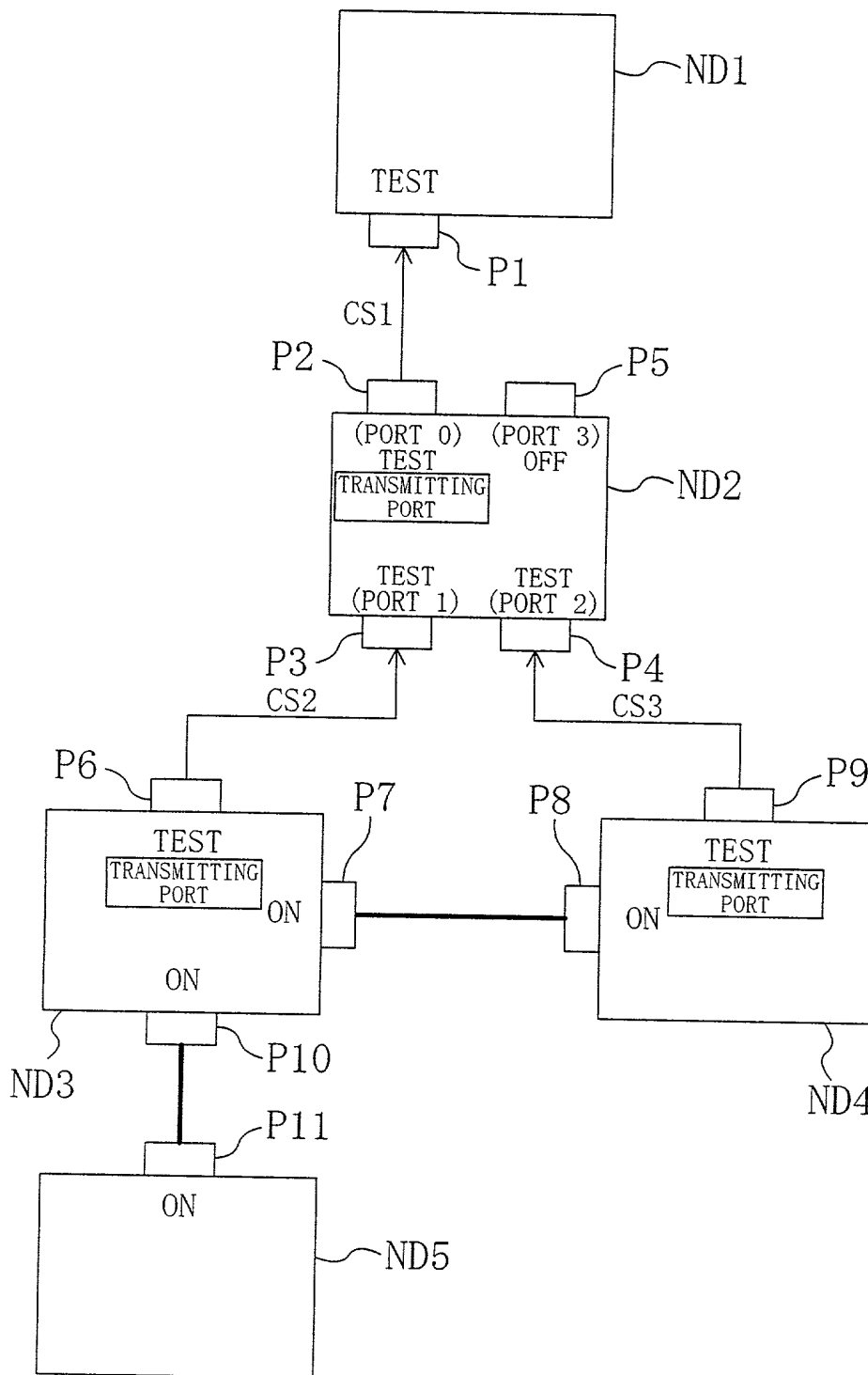


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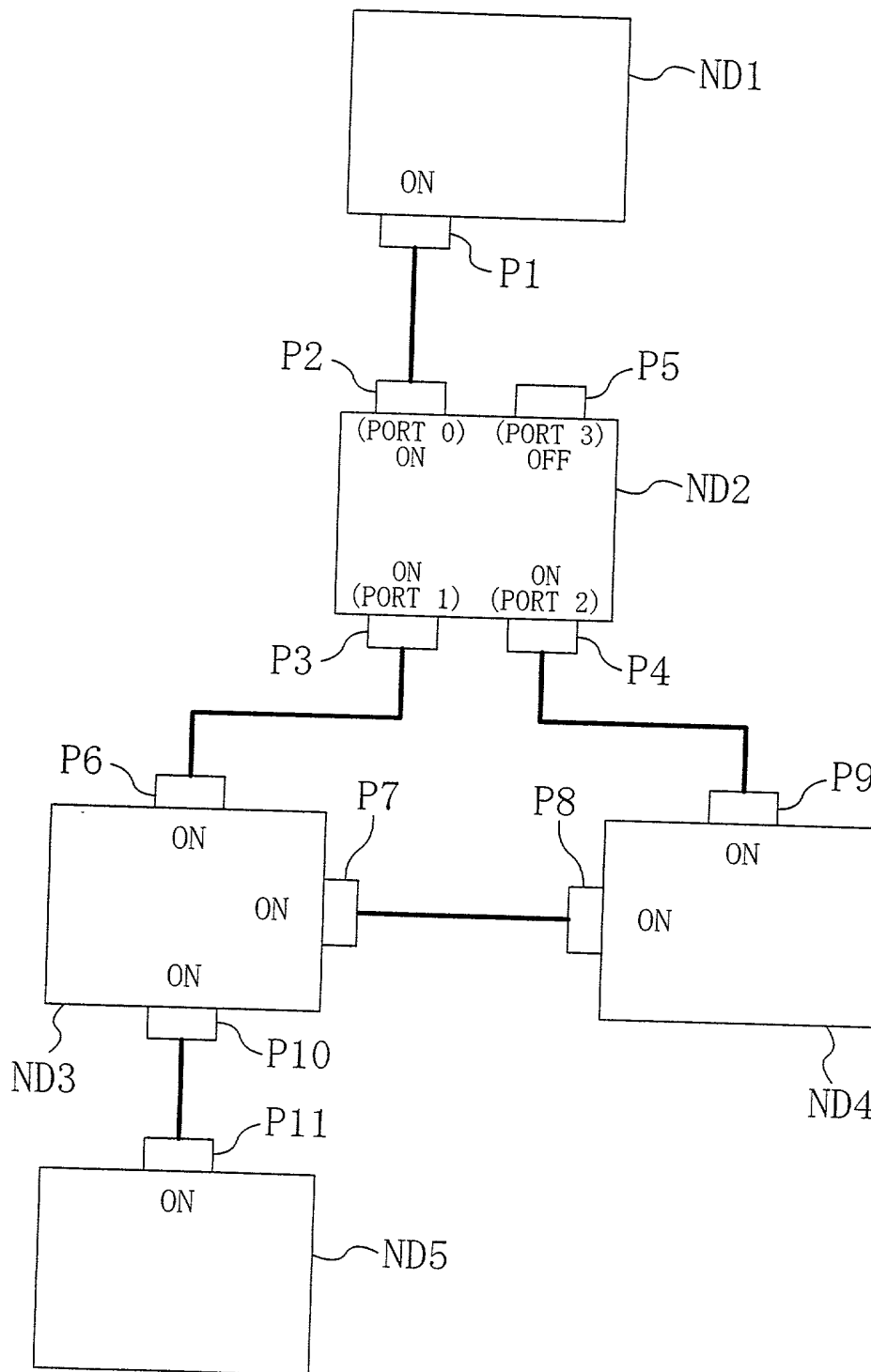


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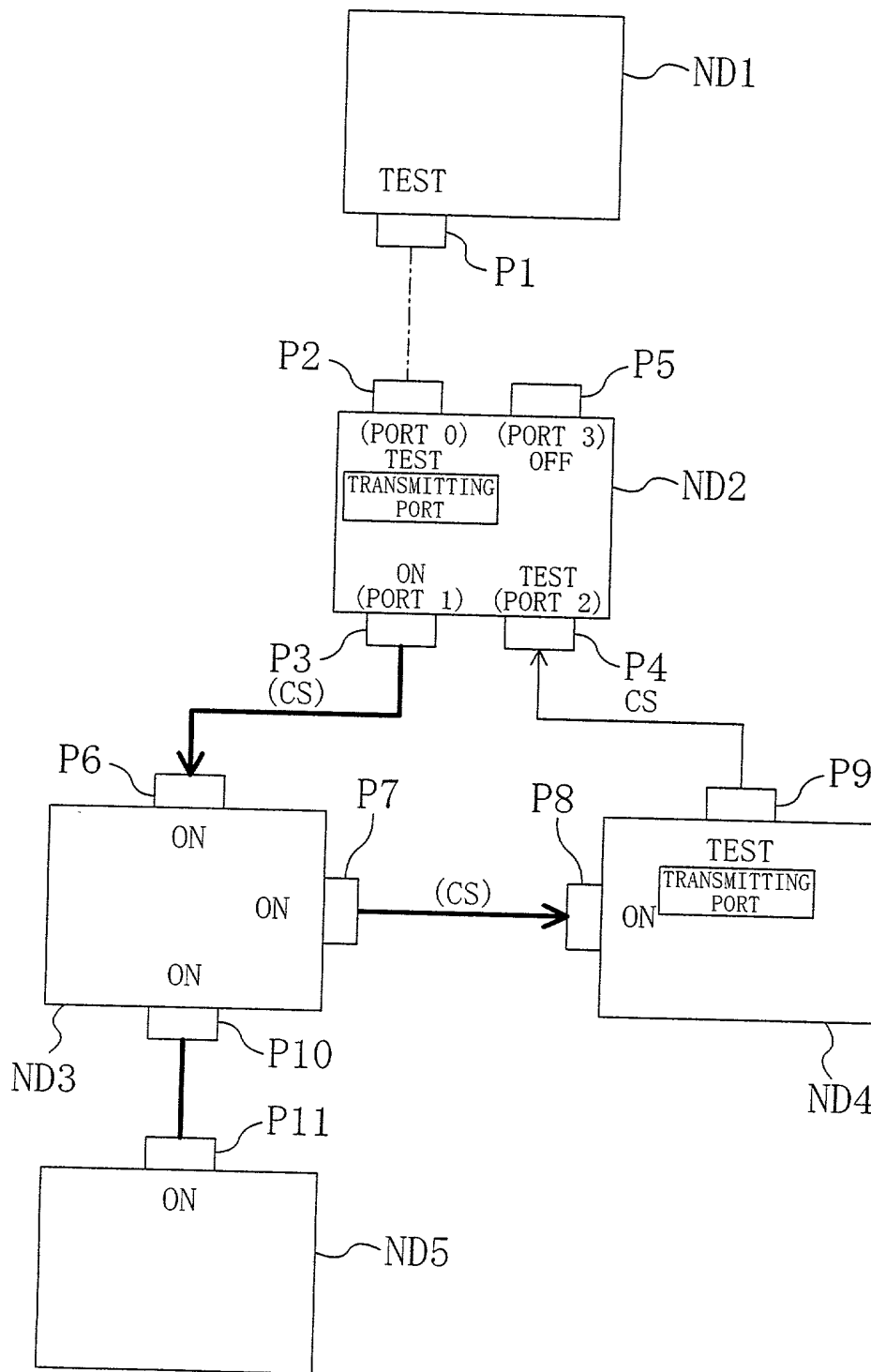


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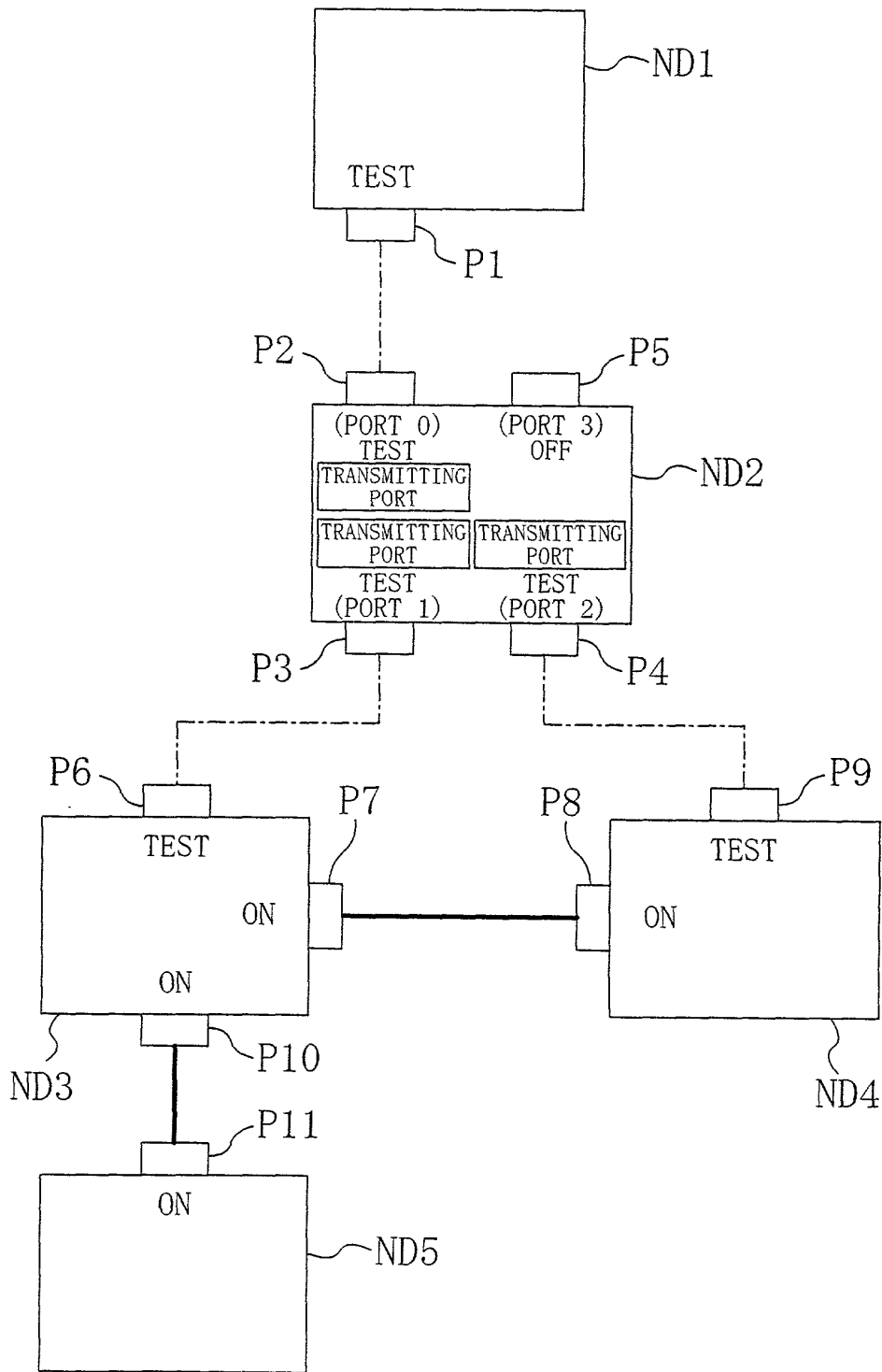


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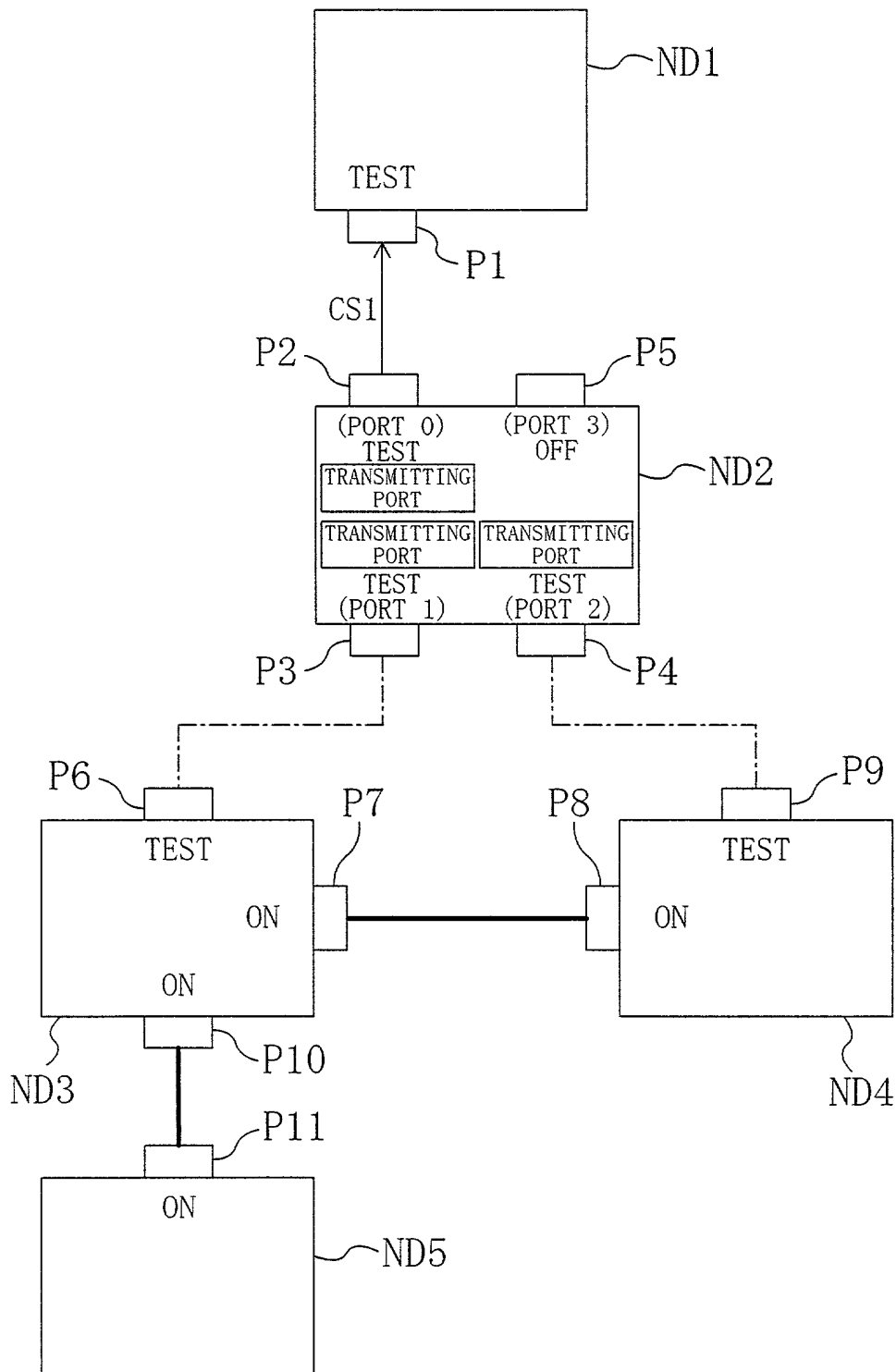
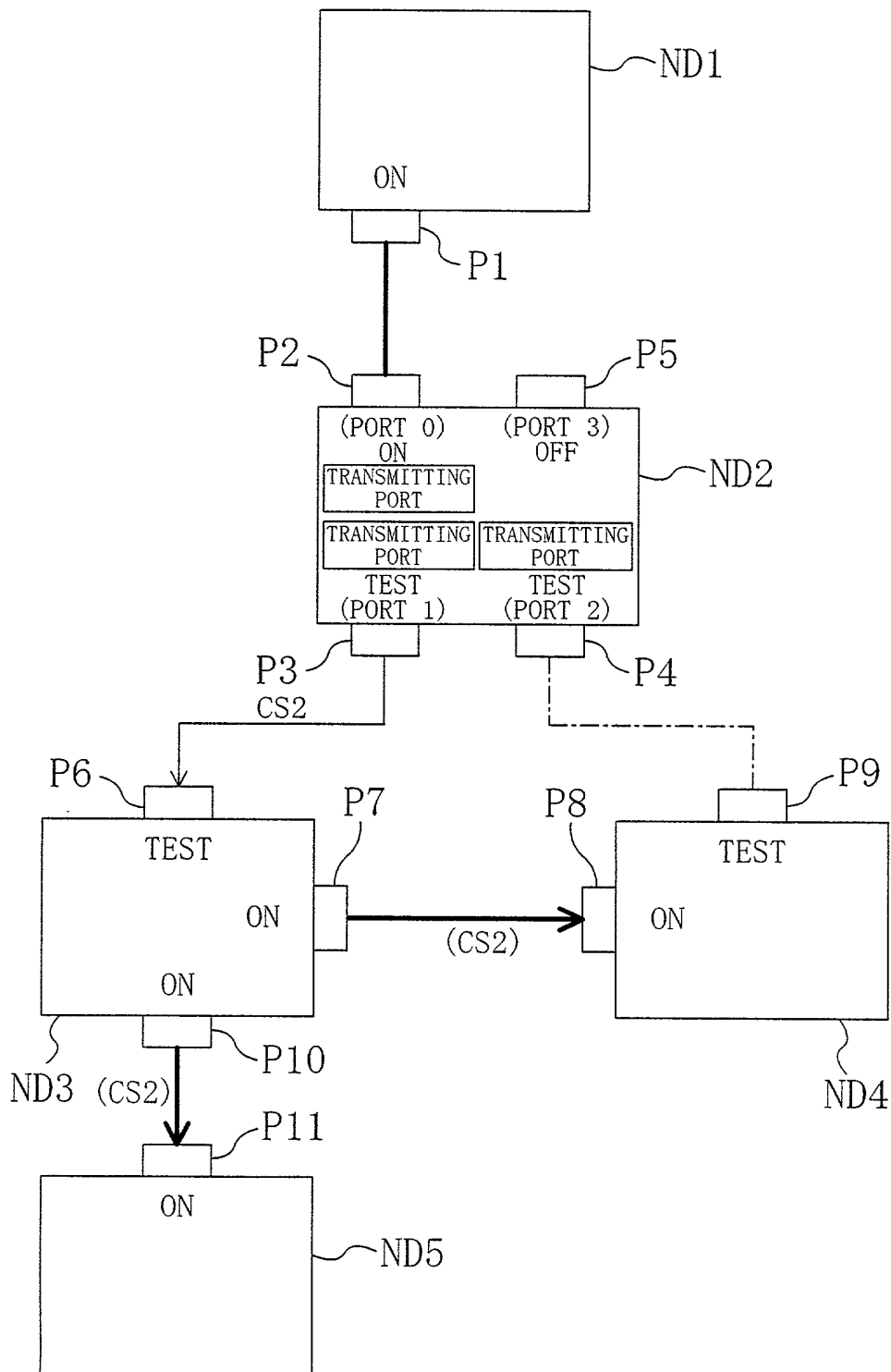


FIG. 14



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FIG. 15

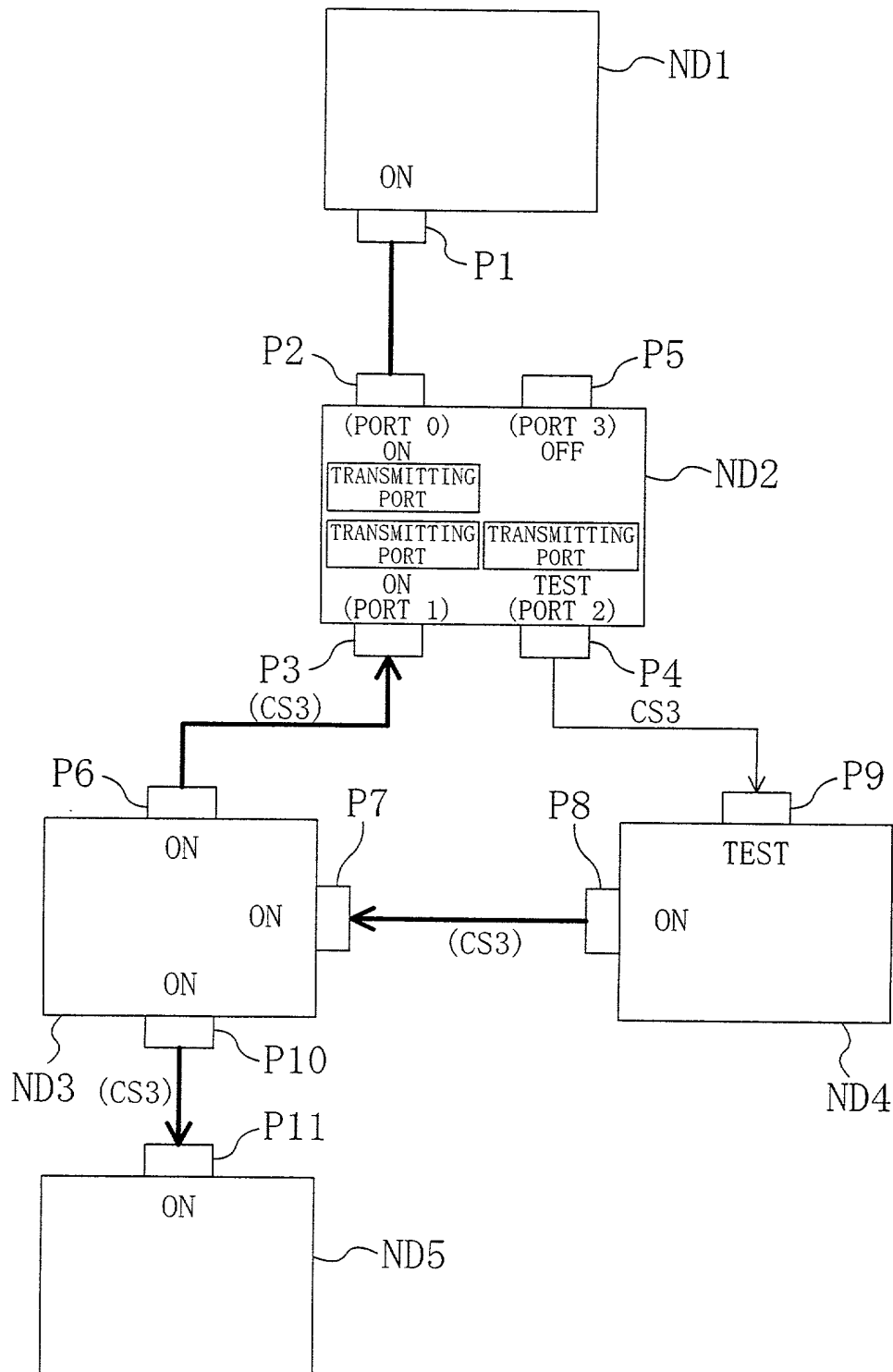


FIG. 16

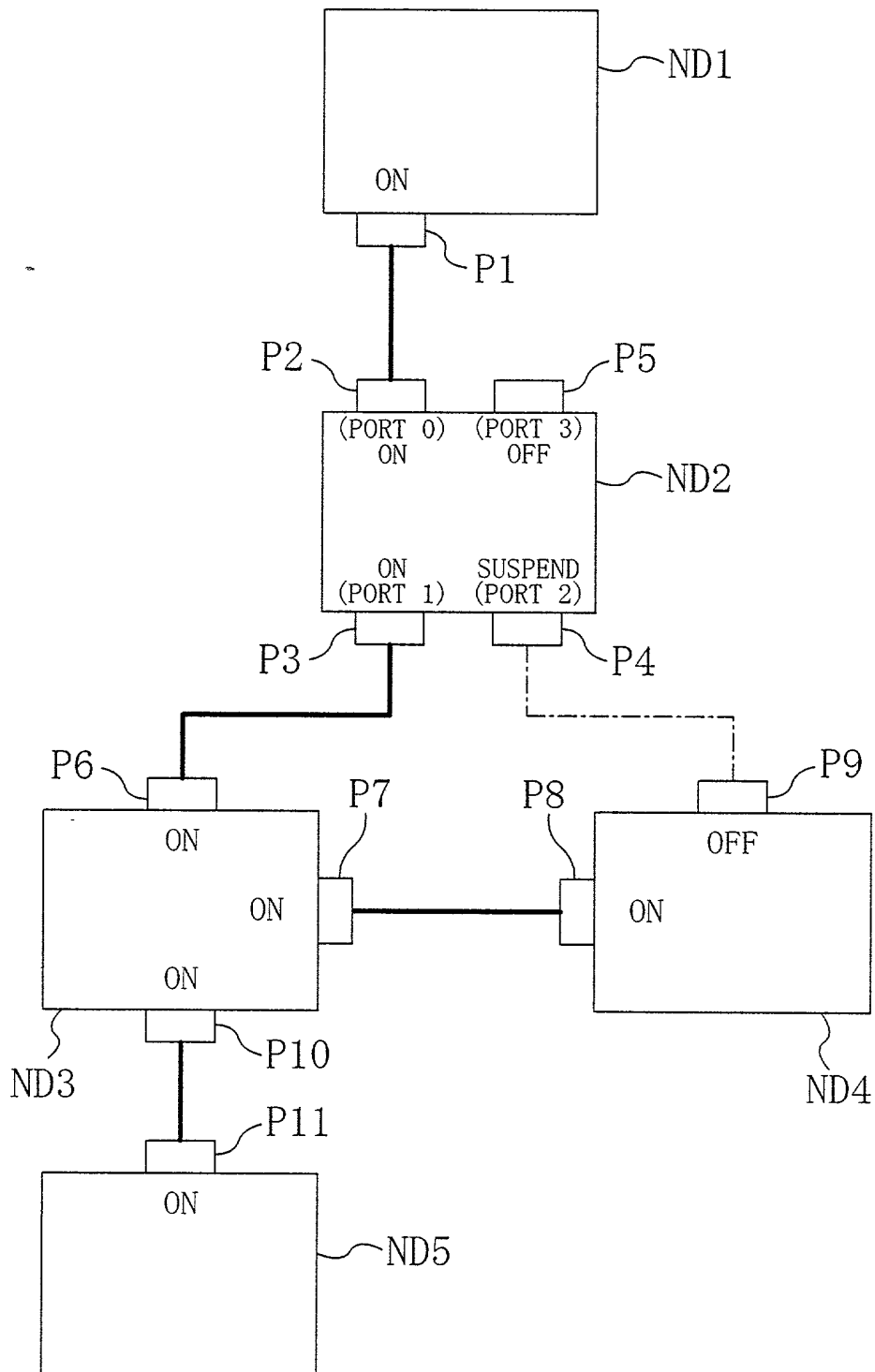


FIG. 17

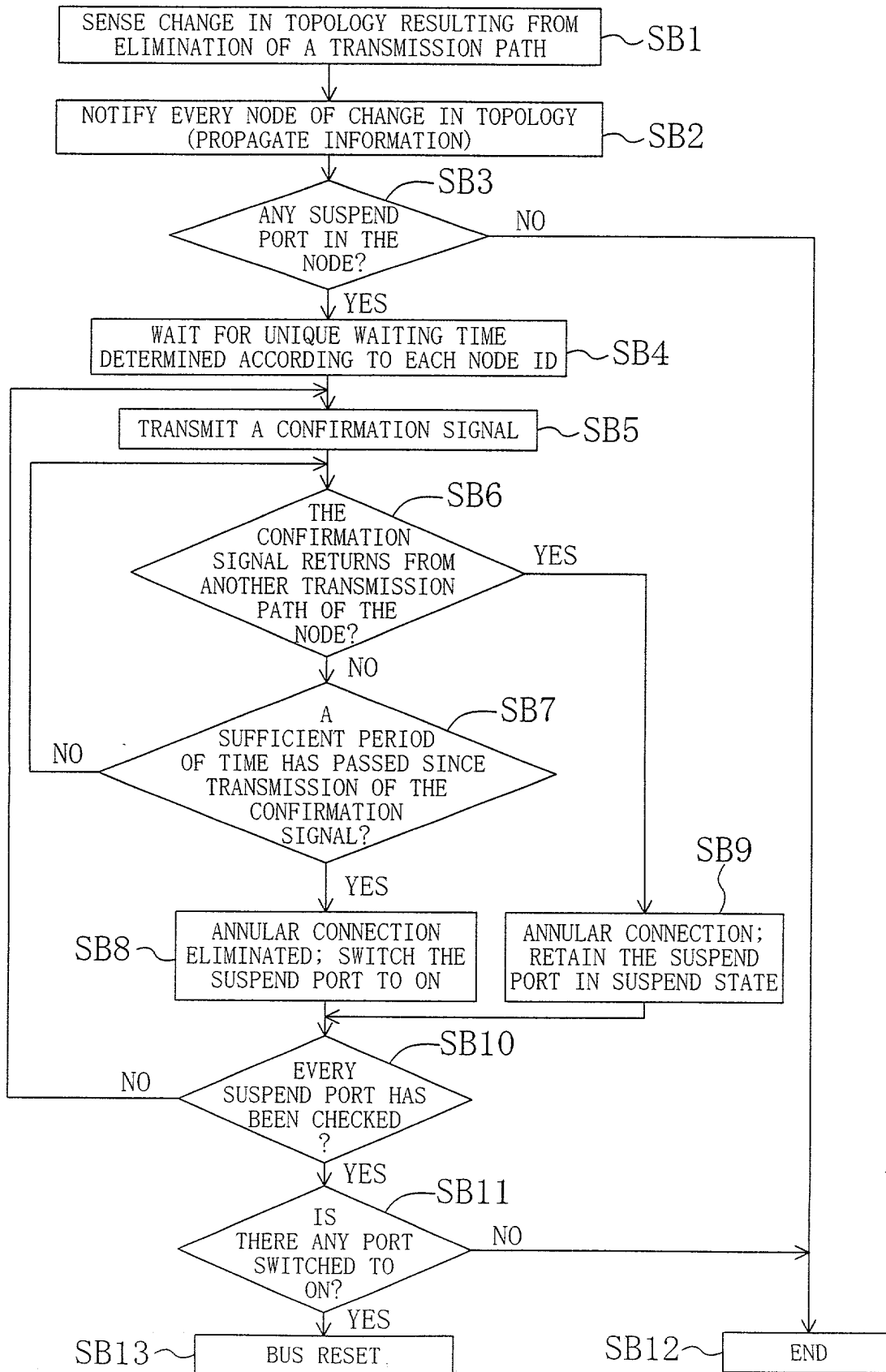


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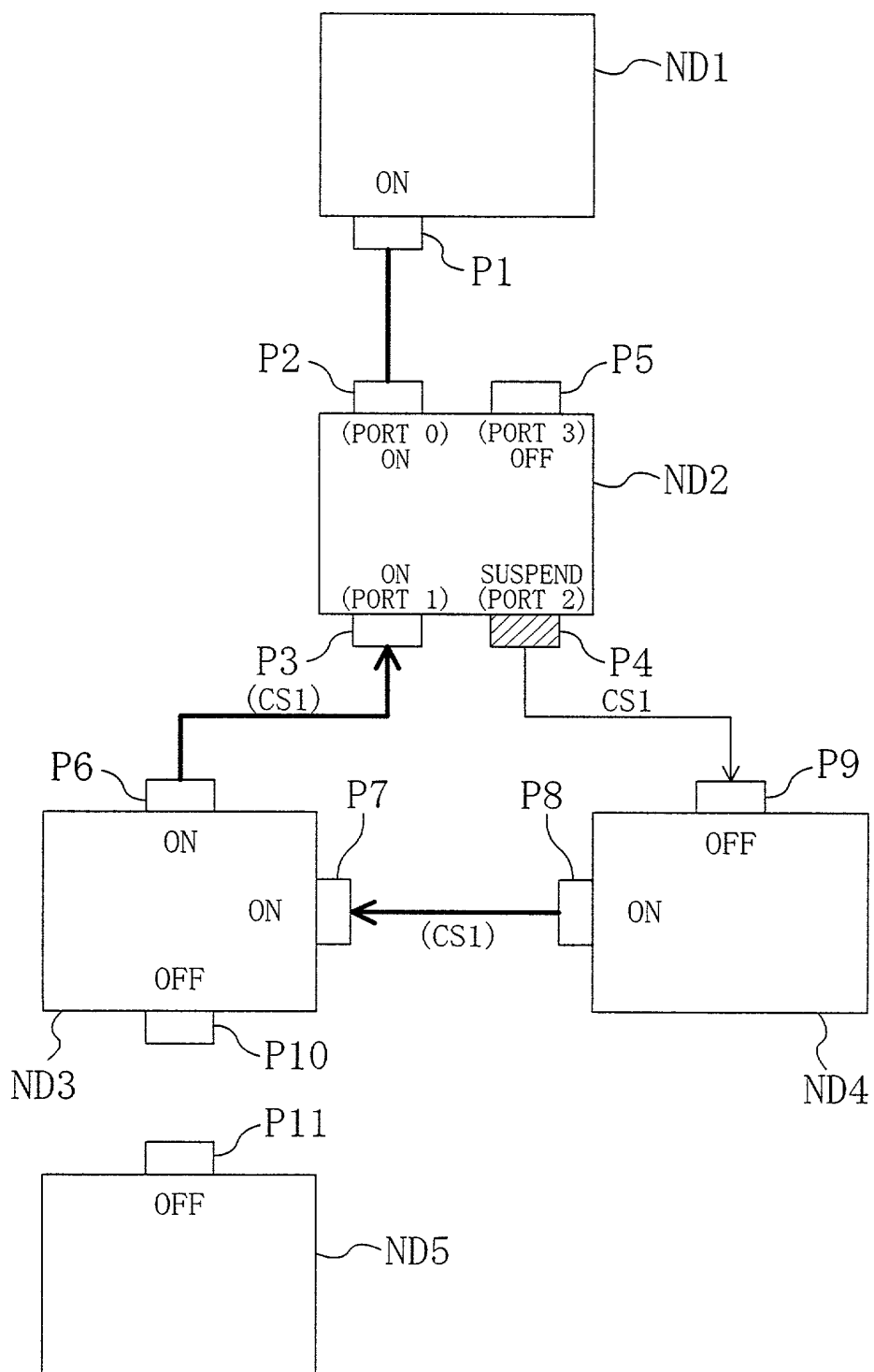


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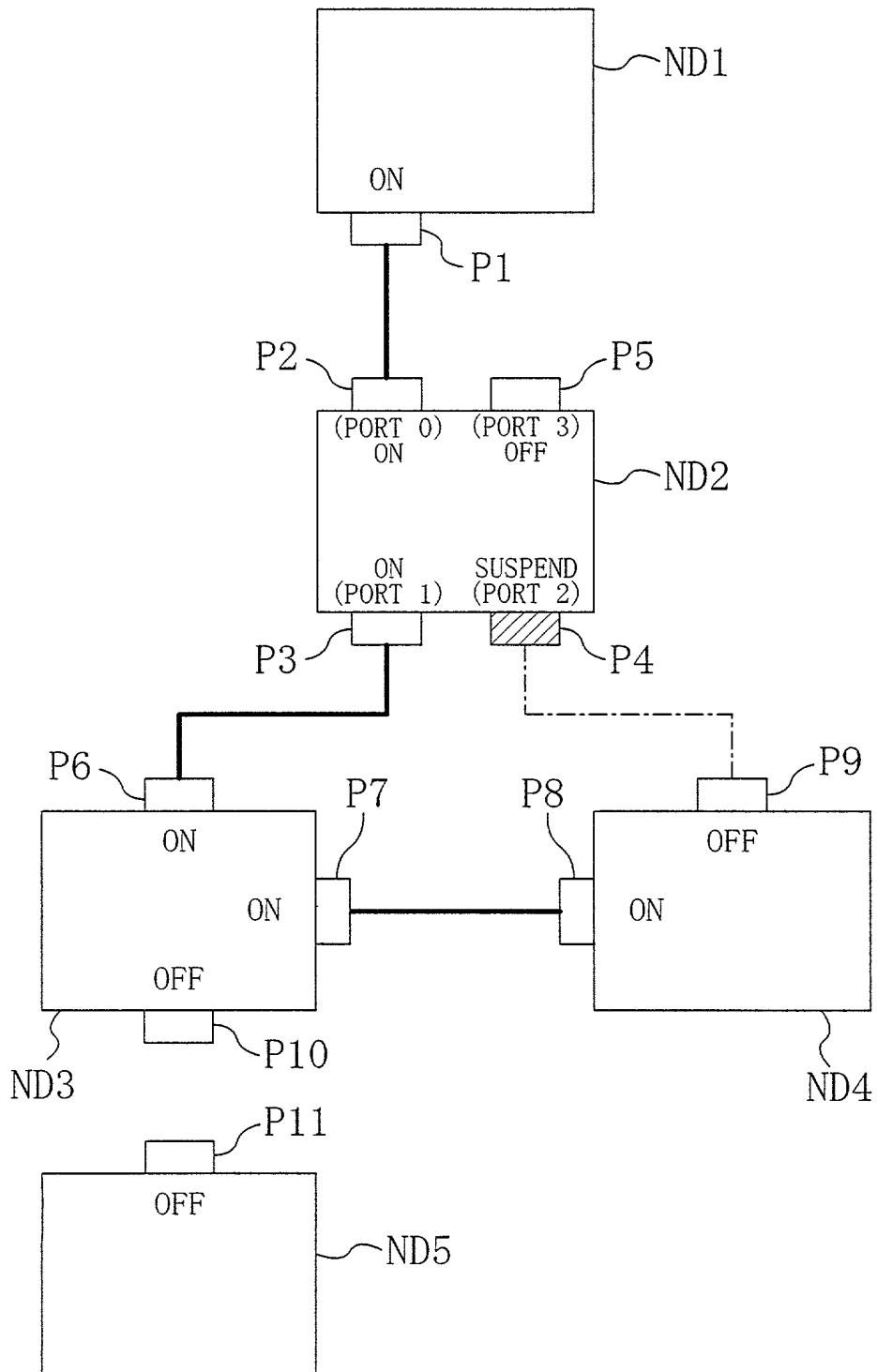


FIG. 20

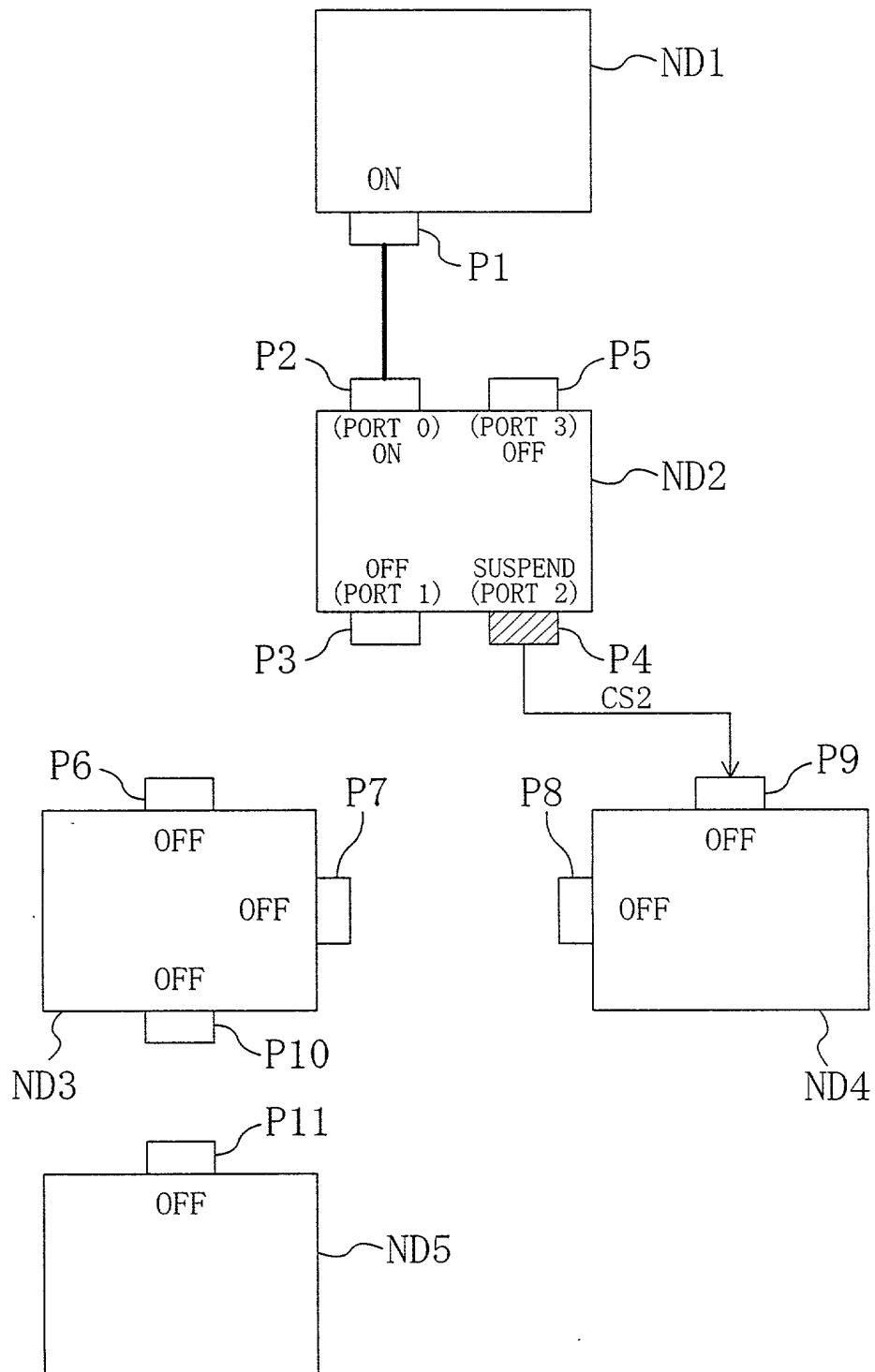


FIG. 21

